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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR ECOSOC ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

1. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED US DELEGATION TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION (7, 9, 10 JANUARY 1974) BASED ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA (E/5439).

2. ITEM 1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS. US DEL SHOULD SUPPORT KARHILO (FINLAND) FOR PRESIDENT AND AKHUND (PAKISTAN) FOR ONE OF VICE-PRESIDENTS. THESE TWO CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN INFORMED PREVIOUSLY OF USG SUPPORT. DEL MAY SUPPORT OTHER TWO VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WHO HAVE SUPPORT OF RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUPS.

3. ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF AGENDA. NO ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS
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RECOMMENDED.

4. ITEM 3: ACTIONS ARISING FROM DECISIONS OF 28TH GA.
INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF

DOCUMENTATION.

5. ITEM 4: BASIC PROGRAM OF WORK OF COUNCIL FOR 1974.
THE DEL SHOULD COMMEND SYG FOR PREPARATION OF DOCUMENT
E/5437 WHICH SHOWS SERIOUS EFFORT BY COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

TO BRING FRESH THOUGHT TO DEALING WITH BURDENSOME ECOSOC
AGENDAS. NEVERTHELESS AGENDAS PROPOSED FOR 56TH AND 57TH
SESSIONS ARE STILL HEAVY DUE TO NUMEROUS SUB-ITEMS.
BY IDENTIFYING ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
AND ENUMERATING OTHERS OF LOWER PRIORITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
WILL HAVE BASIS FOR MORE RATIONAL DECISIONS RE GROUPING
OF ITEMS OR POSTPONEMENT. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC
SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT E/5437 THE DEL SHOULD
BE GUIDED BY COMMENTS BELOW:

A) WE SUPPORT SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED PARA 14 WITH
EXCEPTION OF SUB-PARAS (B) AND (E). DEL MAY PROPOSE
THAT BOTH SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND RELATED ORGANS ADHERE
MORE FULLY TO PRINCIPLE OF FOCUS BY REPORTS ON ACTION
REQUIRED BY COUNCIL. (SUB-PARA (B)) WHILE IT IS NECESSARY
TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY RE TIMING OF AGENDA ITEMS, THERE
IS DANGER OF SECRETARIAT DE FACTO "POSTPONEMENT" OF
ITEMS SHOULD NO FIRM DEADLINE BE FIXED FOR SYG REPORTS
TO COUNCIL. FOR THIS REASON, SUCH A PROPOSAL, WHICH
RECURS FROM TIME TO TIME, HAS NEVER GAINED MAJORITY
ACCEPTANCE. (SUB-PARA (E))

B) WE AGREE RESUMED SESSIONS DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HAVE BECOME OVERLY LONG AND UNSATISFACTORY FOR
CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS (PARAS 15-17). DURING
RECENT RESUMED SESSION, MANY DELS REMARKED ON CURSORY
CONSIDERATION OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
INSTITUTION ANNUAL REPORTS. SHOULD IT BE FEASIBLE TO
TAKE THESE REPORTS IN SPRING SESSION, WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE
DISCONTINUANCE OF RESUMED SESSIONS WITH PROVISION, IF
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NEED ARISES, FOR A SPECIAL SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ART. 72 OF CHARTER.

C) WE SUPPORT SUGGESTIONS PARA 20 WITH EXCEPTION OF
SUB-PARA (B) WHICH PROPOSES CONSIDERATION OF REVIEW AND
APPRAISAL ITEM AT 56TH SESSION. WE PREFER CONSIDERATION
AT 57TH SESSION UNDER ITEM 4: SECOND UN DEVELOPMENT

DECADE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING SYG WILL REQUEST GOVERNMENTS, PROBABLY IN JANUARY, TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS OF THEIR VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE MACHINERY FOR THE REVIEW. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT MANY RESPONSES WILL BE RECEIVED IN 3-4 WEEK PERIOD NECESSARY FOR SYG TO COMPLY WITH SIX WEEK RULE ON DOCUMENTATION. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO ALLOW GOVERNMENTS TIME TO CONSIDER ISSUE THROUGHOUT SPRING, DISCUSS IT IN SMALL GROUPS, AND BE PREPARED TO TREAT IT EXPEDITIOUSLY AT 57TH SESSION. THE SYG REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE HIS DRAFT REQUEST TO GOVERNMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS FOR THE MID-TERM REVIEW.

D) WE AGREE WITH SUGGESTED EXCLUSIONS PER PARA. 21.

E) WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL PER PARA. 23.

F) WE SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE PER PARA. 24 WITH A SPECIFIC COMPLETION DATE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL.

6. ITEM 5: ELECTIONS TO FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS. FEW CANDIDATES REPORTED TO DEPT AT PRESENT. US DEL SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE THAT WEO GROUP PRESENTS SUFFICIENT CANDIDATES FOR EACH COMMISSION, PARTICULARLY NGO COMITE WHICH WAS ONE SHORT LAST YEAR.

A) NGO COMITE. US SHOULD SEEK RE-ELECTION AND SO INFORM THE SYG AND OTHER DELEGATIONS. US SHOULD ALSO SEEK TO HAVE A MAJORITY OF COMITE FROM COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SYMPATHETIC AND APPRECIATE CONTRIBUTION NGOS HAVE MADE AND CAN MAKE TO UN.

B) COMITE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, COMITE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, COMITE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION. THESE ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS SESSIONS DUE TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT CANDIDATES. US DEL MAY SUPPORT CANDIDATES WHICH HAVE SUPPORT OF REGIONAL GROUPS.

C) CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERS OF FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS AS PROPOSED E/5426 AND E/5440. US DEL MAY SUPPORT SYG NOMINATIONS.

7. ITEM 6: CALENDAR OF MEETINGS. US DEL MAY SUPPORT NEW YORK SITE FOR THIRD SPECIAL SESSION POPULATION COMMISSION. DEL MAY SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT OF AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP ON YOUTH WITH EXPLANATION THAT SUCH

POSTPONEMENT DOES NOT COMMIT USG TO SUPPORT OF MEETING
WHEN DECISION COMES BEFORE FIFTY-SIXTH ECOSOC. DEL MAY
SUPPORT DEFERRAL WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL
STATISTICAL PROGRAMS TO 1 JULY 1974. KISSINGER

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